

# 2008 Boat Owner Questionnaire

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Your responses will help to work towards improving boating services and environmental education in California.

Today’s date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Survey location/Marina where you received this survey and boater kit:\_\_\_\_\_

1. From whom did you receive the boater kit?

☐ Marina/Yacht club operator☐ Coast Guard Auxiliary☐ Dockwalker/Volunteer/Program staff☐ Power Squadron☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

2. How long have you been boating in California?

☐ Less than 6 months☐ 3 - 5 years

☐ 6 - 11 months☐ More than 5 years

☐ 1 - 2 years

3. Before today, have you ever received a California boater kit while boating in California?

☐ Yes☐ No☐ Not sure

4. What is the overall length of your boat:

☐ Less than 16’☐ 20’ to 25’☐ 40’ to 65’

☐ 16’ to 19’☐ 26’ to 39’☐ Over 65’

5. What type of boat(s) do you currently own?

☐ Ski boat/Run-about☐ Off-shore racer (cigarette boat)

☐ Cuddy cabin/Cruiser☐ Sailboat with auxiliary motor

☐ Fishing boat☐ Sailboat without auxiliary motor

☐ Motor yacht☐ Personal watercraft (jet-ski)

☐ House boat☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

6. Where do you store or berth your boat?

☐ Home on trailer☐ Berth at home (private dock)

☐ Marina – dry storage☐ Marina – in-water berth☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

6a. IF BOAT IS NOT STORED AT HOME:  
What is the zip code where you store your boat?  
\_\_\_\_ \_

7. Where do you usually launch your boat?

☐ Not applicable (I store my boat in-water) (GO TO 9)

☐ Marina ..... (Name:) \_\_\_\_\_☐ Yacht Club ..... (Name:) \_\_\_\_\_☐ Public launch ramp (Not at marina) (City:) \_\_\_\_\_☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

8. What are the main reasons why you choose where to launch your boat?

**(Check all that apply)**

☐ Close proximity to where I store my boat☐ Launch ramp with good access (wide lanes, etc.)☐ Convenient trailer parking☐ Fuel dock☐ Restrooms☐ Restaurant☐ Sewage pump-out service☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

9. During a typical boating season, how many days per year do you use your boat on:

☐ the Delta (Sacramento/San Joaquin Rivers)... \_\_\_\_ days

☐ the ocean..... \_\_\_\_ days

☐ the San Francisco Bay ..... \_\_\_\_ days

☐ inland lakes or other rivers ..... \_\_\_\_ days

(specify which inland lakes/ivers): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other California locations (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

10. What kind of boating activities do you participate in?

**(Check all that apply)**

☐ Skiing☐ Wakeboarding☐ Fishing☐ Leisure cruising☐ Swimming☐ Boat camping☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

11. Where do you most often fuel your boat?

☐ Gas station prior to launching☐ Marina with a fuel dock☐ Bring own gas cans to refuel

12. How many gallons of fuel do you use during a typical day on the water?

☐ Less than 12 gallons☐ 21 to 30 gallons

☐ 12 to 15 gallons☐ More than 30 gallons

☐ 16 to 20 gallons☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

13. How many hours do you put on your boat engine each year?

☐ 0 to 25 hours☐ 51 to 99 hours☐ Over 150 hours

☐ 26 to 50 hours☐ 100 to 150 hours

14. What type of toilet is on your boat?

☐ Installed toilet☐ Port-a-potty (GO TO 15)

☐ No toilet on board (GO TO 15)

14a. If you have a toilet, what type of Marine Sanitation Device is it connected to?

☐ TYPE I—Macerates waste so there are no visible solids and disinfects bacteria. Discharge may not be clear. (e.g. “Electro-san”)

☐ TYPE II—Macerates even finer than Type I. Discharge may not be clear.

☐ TYPE III—Holding tank, Does not treat waste. Holds waste until pumped into a facility on shore.

☐ Don’t know

14b. How many times do you use a sewage pump-out per year?

☐ Every time I go out on the boat☐ 1 to 5 times a year

☐ 6 to 10 times a year☐ Over 10 times a year

☐ No need, have Type I or Type II (GO TO 15)

14c. When you go to use a sewage pump-out, how often...

Never

Half the time

Most often

Always

1

2

3

4

5

a. Is it broken?

b. Is it closed?

c. Do you wait in line more than 10 minutes?

d. Are you unable to find one?

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14d. Which of the following describes where you most often use a sewage pump-out?

**(Check only one)**

☐ At the facility or marina where I berth/store the boat☐ At the place or marina where I launch the boat☐ Somewhere other than the place I launch/berth☐ I use a mobile boat-to-boat pump-out service☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

15. Do you change your boat engine oil yourself?

☐ No (GO TO 16)☐ Yes (GO TO 15a)

15a. Where do you change the oil?

☐ At the marina☐ At home☐ At the facility (not a marina) where I store the boat☐ Somewhere else (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

15b. What do you do with the used oil most often?

**(Check only one)**

☐ Dispose of it in the garbage☐ Store it at home☐ Take it to the dump or landfill☐ Drop it off at a marina accepting used oil☐ Take it to an auto shop, gas station or other certified drop-off center☐ Take it to a Household Hazardous Waste site☐ Leave it on the curb for home pick-up☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

15c. How far do you have to travel to dispose of your oil?

**(Check only one)**

☐ I dispose of it at the same place where I change it

☐ Less than 1 mile☐ 4 to 5 miles

☐ 1 to 3 miles☐ Over 5 miles

16. How often does oil leak into the bottom of your bilge or engine compartment?

☐ Every time I use my boat☐ Most of the time☐ Half the time☐ Rarely☐ Never (GO TO 17)

16a. How do you clean oil that has leaked into the bottom of your bilge or engine compartment?

**(Check all that apply)**

☐ I don’t clean it / I don’t do anything (GO TO 17)☐ Rags/paper towels☐ Bilge cleaning products/solvents☐ Bilge pump to extract the oil☐ Soap or detergent☐ Pull the bailer plug☐ Oil absorbents (towels, pillows/pads, sheets, socks)☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

16b. What do you usually do with used oil absorbents (including towels, pillows/pads, sheets and socks) after you use them?

☐ Place them in the trash☐ Take them to a special oil waste receptacle at the marina☐ Take them to a hazardous waste facility elsewhere☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

17. What is your 5-digit home zip code? \_\_\_\_ \_

18. Age:

☐ 16 to 25☐ 34 to 41☐ 50 to 65

☐ 26 to 33☐ 42 to 49☐ Over 65

19. Gender:

☐ Male☐ Female


20. Where do you get boating information?

**(Check all that apply)**

☐ Marinas☐ Boat shows☐ Marine supply stores☐ Word-of-mouth☐ Boating associations☐ Bay and Delta Yachtsman☐ Latitude 38☐ Boat U.S. Magazine☐ PICYA Yachting Yearbook☐ Safety Classes (e.g. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, US Power Squadrons)


☐ Other (specify information source and type): \_\_\_\_\_

21. Do you know what these logos mean?



☐ No☐ Yes

Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_



☐ No☐ Yes

Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

22. How often do you think boaters in California discharge untreated sewage into the water?

☐ Frequently☐ Never

☐ Once in awhile☐ Don’t know

23. Which if the following may happen to those who discharge untreated boat sewage overboard in California?

☐ Nothing—It is discouraged but not against the law☐ Fine of up to \$1100☐ Fine of up to \$2200☐ Up to 6 months in jail☐ Don’t know

24. What percentage of Californians get their drinking water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Northern CA)?

☐ None☐ 10% to 25%☐ 26% to 50%

☐ 51% to 75%☐ Over 75%☐ Don’t know

25. When boating in California, how concerned are you about...

Somewhat concerned

Not very concerned

Not at all concerned

No opinion

a. Bigger boats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Speeding boats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Quality of water for swimming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Intoxicated boaters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Trash or debris	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Quality of water for drinking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Invasive species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Inexperienced boaters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Safety of the fish for eating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Abandoned vessels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Other (specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!  
Please return your questionnaire to the staff person or marina who gave you the boater kit, OR mail to the address on back.

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